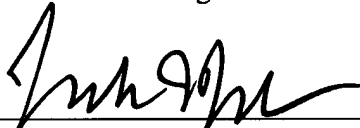


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the filing of this National Stage application. It is respectfully requested that the first Office Action be directed to the application as amended herein.

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Appendix I (Amended Claims with Amendments Indicated  
Therein by Brackets and Underlining)

**APPENDIX I****AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN  
BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING**

5. (Amended) The game system according to [any one of Claims 2 to 4] Claim 2, wherein

the line is set in one direction of a vertical direction and a horizontal direction of the matrix, and the dividend controlling device produces the dividend or changes the dividend having been produced when a predetermined combination is formed by the cards on the predetermined number of the effective lines, at least in the diagonal direction or in a direction crossing with the above line at right angle in the matrix.

6. (Amended) The game system according to [any one of Claims 2 to 4] Claim 2, wherein

the predetermined number corresponds to a maximum number of the lines included in the matrix.

9. (Amended) The game system according to [any one of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1, further comprising:

a selecting device for selecting reception of a dividend or a chance of increasing a dividend when the dividend controlling device produces the dividend, according to a player's instruction given by the input unit; and

a dividend increase controlling device for increasing the dividend if an outcome of the game satisfies a predetermined condition, while performing a predetermined game, when the above chance is selected.